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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 2/12/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
4. Claims 1-2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siwko (NPL XP-001017264) in view of Li (U.S. Patent US006628637B1).

As to claims 1 and 2, Siwko discloses a communication system using a method for blocking call request comprising: receiving an initial call dropping probability factor in

a calculation to determine call admission or blocking, wherein the probability is determined by a network element; determining an elapsed time from an effective time of said initial probability; adjusting said initial call request block probability based on said elapsed time (see sections II-IV). Li discloses wherein the probability is a call drop probability (see col. 6, lines 12 – col. 7, line 29). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add this teaching to the Siwko system for enhanced management of the network resources.

As to claims 4, 10 and 16, Siwko discloses the method of receiving a time stamp associated with said probability; using said time stamp for determining said elapsed time (see sections II-III).

Regarding claims 8 and 19, they are the corresponding apparatus claim of method claim 1. Therefore, claim 8 are rejected for the same reason shown above.

Regarding claim 14 is the corresponding system claim of method claim 1. Therefore, claim 14 are rejected for the same reason shown above.

5. Claims 3, 6-7, 9, 12-13, 15, 18 and 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siwko in view of Li (U.S. Patent US006628637B1) as applied to claims 1-2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 19 above, and further in view of Redden (EP 0658014).

As to claims 7, 13 and 18, Siwko discloses everything claimed as explained above except for the method further comprising: receiving a time period value, wherein said adjusting occurs at least once during a time period substantially equal to said time period value. Redden discloses the method further comprising: receiving a time period value, wherein said adjusting occurs at least once during a time period substantially

equal to said time period value (see page 12, lines 48-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add this teaching to the Siwko system for the simple reason of automation.

As to claims 6 and 12, Siwko discloses everything claimed as explained above except for the method wherein said adjusted initial call request block probability allows fewer number of mobile stations to initiate call requests than a number of mobile stations allowed to initiate call requests at a time of said initial call request block probability. Redden discloses the method wherein said adjusted initial call request block probability allows fewer number of mobile stations to initiate call requests than a number of mobile stations allowed to initiate call requests at a time of said initial call request block probability (see page 13, lines 51-56). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that if call request are going to be blocked the number of call request is going to decrease.

As to claims 3, 9, 15 and 20, Siwko discloses everything claimed as explained above except for the method further comprising: using said adjusted initial call request to block call request at a mobile station in said communication system. Redden discloses the method further comprising: using said adjusted initial call request to block call request at a mobile station in said communication system (see page 14, lines 4-22). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use this technique in the Siwko system for enhanced management of the communication resources.

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6. Claims 5, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siwko in view of Li (U.S. Patent US006628637B1) as applied to claims 1-2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 19 above, and further in view of Weishaupt (U.S. Patent 4,493,102).

As to claims 5, 11 and 17, Siwko discloses everything claimed as explained above except for the method of receiving a call request block termination time; terminating a call request block performed based on said adjusted initial call request block probability in a gradual process from said effective call request block termination time. Redden discloses receiving a call request block termination time; terminating a call request block (see page 11, lines 43-46). Weishaupt disclose using a gradual process (see col. 1, lines 59-66). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine these teachings in order to preserve the quality of service.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Mathal U.S. Patent US006501737B1 discloses reserving communications system resources.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcos L Torres whose telephone number is 703-305-1478. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:30pm alt. Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester G Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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